

NARCOTIC DRUGS

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The American Legation to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 1600

The Legation of the United States of America has the honor of bringing to the knowledge of the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the Treasury Department of the United States, desirous of bringing about a stricter control of the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, would like to establish a closer collaboration between the appropriate administrative officials of the United States and of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes. The Treasury Department is notably interested in the following questions: 1) The direct exchange between the Treasury Department and the corresponding office of the Kingdom of information and evidence with reference to persons engaged in the illicit traffic. This would include such information as photographs, criminal records, finger prints, Bertillon measurements, description of the methods which the persons in question have been found to use, the places from which they have operated, the partners they have worked with, etc. 2) The immediate direct forwarding of information by letter or cable as to the suspected movements of narcotic drugs, or of those involved in smuggling drugs, if such movements might concern the other country. Unless such information as this reaches its destination directly and speedily it is useless. 3.) Mutual cooperation in detective and investigating work. The officer of the Treasury Department who would have charge of the work, as above-mentioned, of the cooperation in the suppression of the illicit traffic in narcotics is Colonel L. G. Nutt, whose mail and telegraph address is "Deputy Commissioner in Charge of Narcotics, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C."

The Legation is instructed by its Government to bring the above to the knowledge of the Royal Ministry and to inquire if the Royal Government is willing to introduce an effective arrangement, in accordance with the above-mentioned plan, with the object of a mutual cooperation in the sup-

pression of the illicit traffic in narcotics. The Legation would be desirous of knowing, in case of acceptance, the name and the address of the appropriate officer with whom the representative of the Treasury Department, Colonel L. G. Nutt, would have to communicate.

The Legation would be greatly obliged to the Royal Ministry if the latter kindly considered the present request as urgent and if it recommended it as such to the competent Department.

BELGRADE, *February 17, 1928.*

[LEGATION SEAL]

TO THE

ROYAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
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The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Legation

[TRANSLATION]

KINGDOM OF YUGOSLAVIA
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In response to the notes verbales of the Legation of the United States of America, No. 1600 dated February 17, 1928 and No. 1977 dated January 3, 1930, concerning direct cooperation between the competent authorities of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia and of the United States of America for the mutual control of illicit traffic in narcotic drugs, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs has the honor to communicate to the Legation that the Royal Government will be entirely disposed to collaborate with the Government of the Republic in this humanitarian work. To this effect, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, which has charge of this control, has just appointed Dr. Rudolf Steinmetz, Director in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and President of the Consultative Opium Commission of the Royal Government, who will enter into contact with the Deputy Commissioner in charge of Narcotics, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C. In case of his absence, Dr. Steinmetz will be replaced by Mr. Milivoj Pilja, Inspector in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Vice President of the Consultative Opium Commission, whose telegraphic address is one and the same: Ministarstvo Trgovine i industrije—za predsednika Savetodvne Odbora a Opium, Belgrade.

The Royal Government would be grateful to the Legation of the United States of America for communicating the preceding to the Government of the Republic.

BELGRADE, *May 8, 1930.*

[FOREIGN OFFICE SEAL]

TO THE LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Belgrade.